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SUBJECT: SIKKIM PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: A. STATE 83142 B. STATE 84868

1. WE URGE THE THE DEPARTMENT HOLD TO THE RESPONSE THAT SIKKIM IS NOT REPEAT NOT A PROBLEM IN WHICH THE US IS INVOLVED AND AVOID GETTING INTO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUE. THERE IS PROBABLY NOTHING WHICH WE COULD DO TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF THIS MATTER AND OUR TAKING A POSITION ON IT WOULD GREATLY ADD TO THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN OUR RELATIONS WITH INDIA.

2. IN ITS REVIEW OF THE SIKKIM QUESTION THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO EXAMINE THE EMBASSY'S POLITICAL NOTE DATED OCTOBER 3, 1974 ON THE STATUS OF SIKKIM WHICH WAS POUCHED TO NEA/INS AND INR/RNA/ SOA LAST OCTOBER.

3. LEADING INDIAN JOURNALIST CALLED THE EMBASSY APRIL 15 TO ASK WHAT THE USG HAD SAID ABOUT SIKKIM BESIDE THE NOYES STATEMENT BEFORE THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1974. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT ONLY OTHER STATEMENT OF WHICH WE KNEW WAS COMMENT BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1974 (STATE 197319), WHICH EMBOFF READ TO THE JOURNALIST.
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